

Michael F. Vaccaro Fellows:

2014-2016 Vaccaro Fellow: Jennifer Nearhood (Duke); **2012-2014 Vaccaro Fellows:** Dominique Freyre (Northwestern) and Lee Zarzecki (Univ. of Colorado)

"The Vaccaro Fellowship was a once in a lifetime opportunity to practice law with great colleagues in a fabulous city for a dynamic client whose needs were multidimensional. It was one of the best choices I've made in life." Jamison E. Colburn (1998-2000), Professor of Law, Penn State University, Dickinson School of Law

"My experience as a Vaccaro Fellow provided the perfect mix of guidance and independence which allowed me to grow as an attorney. While at EPA Region 3, my practice of law was shaped by my coworker's ability to merge passion with professionalism. I truly enjoyed my time there." Leigh Rende (2006-2008), USDOJ

"I loved working at Region III, and found the fellowship to be incredibly rewarding. Working in the Waste and Chemical Law Branch, I was almost immediately responsible for managing numerous enforcement cases as the lead attorney. It is rare to be given so much autonomy and responsibility so early in your legal career, and it was very exciting. I also always knew that, if I needed assistance or advice, I was supported by senior level attorneys with decades of experience to draw upon. I would recommend the fellowship to any aspiring environmental attorney." Brianna Fairbanks (2007-2009), Associate Attorney, Sierra Club.

Michael F. Vaccaro Fellows have hailed from: Boston Univ., Univ. of Colorado, Duke, Georgetown, Harvard, Howard, University of Maryland, Northwestern, University of Oregon, Pace, Rutgers Univ., Temple, Tulane, Vermont, and Villanova.



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MICHAEL F. VACCARO HONORS ATTORNEY 2014 FELLOWSHIP



VACCARO FELLOW

The U.S. EPA Region III Michael F. Vaccaro Fellowship is open to U.S. citizens with excellent academic credentials and a strong interest in an environmental or public sector law career. Applications will be accepted from:

- 2013 and 2014 graduates from an accredited law school,
- current judicial clerks (one to two years out of an accredited law school), and
- JAG attorneys completing their initial tour of duty following completion of law school.

A law school graduate who has been employed as an attorney, other than judicial clerks and JAG service, will not be considered.

The Fellow is expected to commit to a two year term.

Michael F. Vaccaro, EPA's former Deputy Regional Counsel, died on Earth Day, April 22, 1996. He was a widely respected public servant with an unwavering commitment to good government. He was a graduate of Phillips Exeter Academy, Dartmouth College and Harvard Law School. He began working at EPA in 1973. His legacy lives on in the work of the Vaccaro Fellows.



FELLOWSHIP DESCRIPTION

The Michael F. Vaccaro Honors Attorney Fellowship provides a unique opportunity to practice law in a major governmental environmental organization and to receive extensive training in and exposure to environmental law and policy work in the public sector.

The Fellowship recipient will work in the Office of Regional Counsel on particular matters arising under the major federal environmental statutes (such as the Clean Water Act, the Clean Air Act, Superfund, and the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act) and other federal statutes relevant to EPA Region III operations (such as the Ethics in Government Act, the Civil Rights Act, and the Freedom of Information Act). These matters typically require the application of emerging law and policy to significant environmental issues in Region III. The Fellowship will include an opportunity to manage environmental enforcement cases.

The next Fellowship begins in the Fall of 2014 and covers 2 years of employment. The salary will be at the GS-11 level (currently starting at \$61,857) or, in circumstances where appropriate qualifications exist, at the GS-12 level (currently starting at \$74,142).

APPLICATION PACKAGE

Beginning on August 1, 2014, Region III will begin accepting applications for the 2014 Vaccaro Fellowship. Applications will be accepted through August 29, 2014.

Interested applicants are encouraged to apply early and submit the following:

1. a resume, listing bar admission status, including, for those not yet admitted, whether the candidate sat for the July 2014 bar exam, and day and evening telephone numbers;
2. an unofficial transcript of law school grades (official transcript must be provided at time of interview);
3. a cover letter explaining the applicant's interest in the Fellowship;
4. a writing sample; and
5. the name, address, and telephone number of three references. Included should be a current/former employer and a law school professor or advisor.

Selected applicants will be invited for interviews in Philadelphia (at the candidate's expense). Upon request, interviews may be conducted via video-conference. Interviews will be scheduled over a 2-3 week period, beginning in late September 2014.

EMAIL TO:

R3_VaccaroFellow@epa.gov

Applications that are submitted via email should be submitted in PDF format. Email submissions should include "2014 Vaccaro Fellowship Application" in the subject line.

Once your application is received, you will receive an automated response. Please do not reply to this email. Questions regarding the Fellowship should be directed to Tanya Williams at (215) 814-2146.

OR SEND TO:

Applications may be mailed to:

Donzetta Workman-Thomas (3RC50)
Vaccaro Fellowship Coordinator /
Senior Assistant Regional Counsel
U.S. EPA Region III
1650 Arch Street
Philadelphia, PA 19103

Attn: 2014 Vaccaro Fellowship Application

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